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Court Holds Community Outreach Meeting

Victorville – The Superior Court of San Bernardino County will be holding a Court-Community Outreach Forum on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. The forum is scheduled for 6:00-8:00 pm at the Victorville Courthouse, 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, Ca 92392.

"The public can gain a better understanding of the importance of community participation through jury service, volunteer programs, and other avenues of public involvement - and of the essential role that a strong and independent court system plays in our society." - Chief Justice Ronald George

This Forum will include discussion of the judicial branch and its role in our democracy. The Forum also will include information about the many services the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino provides, such as treatment courts (i.e., drug court, mental health court); internet payment programs and information available over the internet, self-help clinics and workshops for parties who do not have lawyers, changes and improvements to jury service, and state and local efforts to increase and improve access to the courts and to justice for all members of our society.

Seven judicial officers will participate in the panel and provide information on the court's services. They also will respond to written questions submitted by the audience. Ms. Sandy Turner, President of the High Desert Bar Association will serve as Moderator of the program.

Citizens, high school and college students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the role of our courts within a democratic society and the services of our county courts in particular.